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Ms. Christina Hynes
Lower Manhattan Development Corporation
Attn: East River Waterfront Esplanade and Piers Project
One Liberty Plaza
New York, NY 10006

Dear Ms Hynes:

In accordance with Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) (CEQ # 20070217) for the East River Waterfront Esplanade and Piers located in New York City, New York. The Lower Manhattan Development Corporation (LMDC), with funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), is proposing to improve public access to the waterfront, enhance pedestrian connectivity, and create waterfront amenities for public use and enjoyment along the esplanade between the Battery Maritime Building and Pier 42 on the lower east side of Manhattan. The proposed action would include a Program Zone under the FDR Drive for pavilions and temporary outdoor activities; a Recreation Zone along the edge of the water with seating, play spaces, and plantings, a uniform bikeway/walkway along South Street; and improvements to Piers 15, 35, 36, and 42, as well as the New Market Building and pier.

The FEIS addresses EPA concerns regarding the traffic analysis, general conformity and expected growth for the project. If you have any questions regarding this review or our comments, please contact Lingard Knutson at 212-637-3747.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Filippelli", is written over a horizontal line.

John Filippelli, Chief
Strategic Planning and Multi-Media Programs Branch

cc: Sean M. Moss, HUD Regional Director

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